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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1810.

[12 1-2 Cents Single.]

Sales at Auction.

WILL be sold, on Thursday the 20th inst, at the late dwelling house of Maj Joseph Scott deceased, all his household and kitchen furniture consisting of excellent Beds and Mattresses, Tables, Chairs, Sofas, one Sideboard, one Chest of Drawers one Liquor Case, one Desk and Bookcase a complete set of Knives and Forks, one silver Tea pot, Table, and Tea Spoons..

—ALSO—
A very valuable collection of books and maps—
—AMONG WHICH ARE—
Shakespeare's plays, complete.
Gibbon's Roman Empire do.
Hume's History of England do.
With many others, and sundry articles too tedious to enumerate. The sale will commence at 9 o'clock—for all sums under \$50 cash, & for all over \$50, in bills and notes, and twenty days credit for approved endorsed negotiable notes.
BARTLETT STILL, Auctioneer.
Richmond, Dec. 10, 1810.

To the Public.

THIS is to warn all persons from purchasing or taking an assignment of three bonds given by me to a certain John Cox of Powhatan County and State of Virginia, the said bonds are given for six hundred and twenty-six and a half acres of Land, the first is for three hundred dollars, to be paid in November 1810, the other to be paid in horses, which is 476 dollars and a half, and to be paid in the autumn 1811, the other 476 1-2 dollars to be paid in horses in the fall of 1811, at each valuation, none to be valued at less than fifty dollars and in the value of which the said Cox hath practised upon me a most shameful fraud, in consequence of which I am determined not to pay the said bonds or any part of them unless I am compelled by law so to do.

GEORGE SMITH.

December 10, 1810.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THIS is to warn all persons from purchasing or taking an assignment of either of two bonds given by me to John Cox of the county of Powhatan and state of Virginia for ninety three dollars each, one payable in the spring of 1811 the other payable in the autumn of 1811, as the said bonds were given for land purchased by me of said Cox, in the sale of which the said Cox practised upon me a shameful fraud—I am therefore determined not to pay any part of said bonds unless compelled by the law.

JAMES STANFORD.

November 13th, 1810.

LANDS IN BEDFORD COUNTY.

At public Sale.

BEFORE the Eagle Tavern, on the 20th of the present month, will be offered for sale 7000 acres, lying on the north branch of Otter river, Reed Creek and Hunting Creek, branches of James river.

Col. Callaway, the surveyor, says of this tract in his certificate, dated in November 1810, that there is much good land in the above survey—the certificate above alluded to, with a chart of the survey and all papers necessary to satisfy the most scrupulous of the title, may be seen at the Eagle Tavern. Of the priority of survey and grant, there need be no doubt—moreover, the taxes are paid for the present year. The payments required will be one fifth in hand, and the remainder at easy instalments (secured) to accommodate the purchaser or purchasers. It may be sold in lots of 1000 or 500 acres.

ALSO,

4000 acres in Pittsylvania, on Staunton river, well watered, being beautifully intersected with a number of branches and rivulets.

The County Surveyor's certificate of the above, with other necessary documents, may likewise be seen at the Eagle Tavern. This will be sold on the same terms as the above tract, with this exception, that Horses will be taken in part payment, to accommodate those who have settled on it.

Richmond, Dec. 11, 1810.

Flooring Plank Wanted.

THE Subscriber wishes to contract for a large quantity of Flooring plank delivered near this city. None need apply but those who can furnish the very best quality.

Alexander Fulton.

December 10, 1810.

NEGROES FOR SALE.—In the town of Cartersville, on Saturday the 22d of December next, will be offered for sale to the highest bidder, about

Thirty Likely Negroes,

consisting of men, women and children, chiefly belonging to the estate of Col. Mayo Cartwright, deceased. Cash will be expected for one half the purchase, and a credit of twelve months will be allowed for the balance, on the purchaser entering into bond with approved security, to carry interest from the date, if not punctually paid.
JOHN ADAMS, Adm'r.
November 30th, 1810.

Richmond Turnpike Company.

AT a meeting of the Directors of the said Company, on Thursday evening the 22d November, 1810,

RESOLVED, That a call of ten dollars on each share in the said company be made, and that five dollars thereof on each share be paid to the Treasurer on the first day of January next, and that the other five, on each share, be paid to him on the first day of March next.

N. SHEPPARD, Clk.

11 Mar.

Ellis & Allan,

HAVE by the arrival of the Holla, and George and Susan, received the last of their

FALL GOODS,

which makes their assortment consist of the following articles, which they will sell very low for cash, or paper at a short date.

Best extra BLUE, 14 superfine Navy, Blue, and Black Cloths.
Bottle Green, Mixed, Olive, Brown and Drab ditto.
Coarse and Middle Cloths, at all prices.
London dyed superfine Kerseys, Black, Blue, Drab, Fawn and mixed Colours.
Double milled ditto.
Blue, Berlin, Drab, Mixed Black & Salmon Coloured, Milled Worsted Breeches stuff, Knit, &c.
Corduroys, Velvets and Constitution Cords.
Silk Mersailes, b/k, Mole-kin b/k, Florentine and fancy colour ed Silks for waicosting.
Elegant Mersailes, Swansdown and Toilettes.
Gent. fashionable best London Beaver Hats, Wove Shirts, with and without sleeves, Ditto Shirts, with and without sleeves, Gentins, Black, White and Coloured Silk Hose.
Do. Worsted Lambs Wool and Angola Hose and Socks.
Do. White and colour ed Cotton Hose.
Do. Silk and Cotton Suspenders.
Do. Real Buck Gloves, dressed in oil.
Cotton Cambric, Calicoes, and Super Prints, Gingham and Chambrays.
Black Bombazens, Bombazetts and Cambric, Black, White, and Lead colour ed Lustreings, Cambric, Common and Furniture Dimities, 44 Irish Linens.
54 Sherings } Very low
58 in Long Lawns
French and Irish Cambricks.
Thread and Cotton Laces.
Elegant Lace Veils and Shawls.
A variety of Table Cloths and Diapers.
Flannels, Umbrellas, and Ladies Net Dresses, Belows, Anvils, Vices, Hammers, Single and Double Screw Plates, Shovels, Spades, Scythes, Blades, Pickers, Cutting Knives, Nails, Window Glass, 10 by 8, 11 by 9, and 12 by 10. Putty, London Ground White Lead, Yellow Oxide, Spanish Brown and Venetian Green. Baled Oil in jars, Flying Pans, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 in. Best Lion and Chamber Locks, with Scott's springs, Bass ditto, But and HL Hinges, Screws of all kinds, Knives and Forks, superior Sag handled and Ivory handled dows, Pen, Pocket and Sportsman's Knives, Hair Brushes, Scrubbing ditto and Hair Brooms, Combs and Letter Paper, Quills and Wafers, A few extra handsome Watering Potman's Trunks, &c. &c. &c. They have also, a few hundred best Liverpool filled Sacks of Salt.

Richmond, Dec. 7, 1810.

THE Trustees of the Stevensburg Academy have this day voted a vacancy in the Professorship of the Academy, for the ensuing year. In obedience to the above resolution of the Trustees, I am directed to give public notice hereof in sundry newspapers. It is with great pleasure that I state, that there is perhaps no situation in Virginia more eligible for a student; his situation is remarkable for its healthiness, there being no spot in the state more so—it lies in the centre of a very rich and populous country, and between two counties equally so, Orange and Fauquier. The Academy has had 73 scholars in it of a year, and it is confidently asserted, that under the guidance of a Professor of Science, it may always command that number. In no part of our state are the inhabitants more able or willing to promote an Academy. The Trustees will receive with great pleasure, a gentleman of Science, and co operate with him in promoting his interest and that of the Academy.

CHARLES STUART WAUGH,

President.

The Academy, Stevensburg,
October 30th, 1810.

THE Subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he has received by the last arrivals from Philadelphia, an assortment of

LEATHER,

of superior quality, and has now on hand a general assortment of the most fashionable

Boots and Shoes,

which he offers for sale on moderate terms—Any orders from the country will be punctually attended to with neatness and dispatch.

D. LOGAN.

Richmond, 4th Dec 1810.

DOMESTIC WAREHOUSE.—The subscriber, in addition to his usual supply of HOME MANUFACTURES, Has lately received a small assortment of wools, from the manufactory of Col. Humphreys; consisting of broad cloth, cassimere, coatings, &c. for sale by the piece at invoice prices, or at retail.

On hand a constant supply of Bed ticken, cotton cloths, striped and plain, sewn cotton Hats of all sorts.
D. J. BURR.
Dec 6.

N. B. Richmond warranted gun powder in kegs and canisters.

HOT PRESSED

BLANKS.

For Sale at S. Pleasants' Printing Office, Richmond,

A great variety of BLANKS, executed in a very superior style of elegance, on fine paper; amongst them are

Bills of Exchange, sitting Bank Stock for discount.
Negotiable Notes, Bank Checks.
Ditto with power of Attorney annexed, for deposit.

St. Pierre's Studies of Nature
Johnson's Lives of the Poets
Anquet's Universal History in 12 vols.
Morse's Universal Gazetteer
do American do
Brick's Gazetteer
Scott's do
Foster Ames' Works

Edward Wanton,



Watch & Clock Maker,

DIRECTLY opposite Mr. Wm. Galt's store, takes this method to inform his friends and the public in general, that he still continues to carry on his business in all its branches.

—HE HAS ON HAND—
some excellent EIGHT DAY CLOCKS, gold and silver WATCHES, CHAINS, SEALS and KEYS, &c.
N. B. Wanted immediately, an Apprentice to the above business.
Richmond, Nov. 30, 1810.

BOOKS,

Just Received and for Sale at S. Pleasants' Book Store and Printing Office.

The American New Dispensary
The Edinburgh Dispensary
Lempriere's Classical Dictionary
Bayer's French do
Nugent's do
Chambray's do
Pleasures of Pens and Memory
Thaddeus of Warsaw, by Miss Porter
Rousseau's Eloisa
Rousseau's Social Compact
Miss Edgeworth's Fashionable Tales
Fables of Real Life
The Devil in Love, a Romance, translated from the French
The Borough, a poem, by the Rev. George Crabbe
Brooke's Foot of Quality, or the History of Henry Earl of Moreland
The Rival Princes, or a selection of facts, &c. relative to the Charges against the Duke of York, by Mary Ann Clarke
The Military Instructor, or a new system of European Exercise and Drill
William Tell, or Switzerland Delivered
Colcott's Musical Grammar
A general View of the Manners, Customs, and Curiosities of nations, with 54 maps and engravings; by the Rev. J. Goldsmith
Christian Schultz' Travels, through several of the American States, in the years 1807 and 1808
Robert Ker Porter's Travels in Russia and Sweden in the years 1805, 6, 7, 8.
Gibson's Surveying
Legend's Greek Testament
Ferguson's Lectures
Goldsmith's Natural History
Hucimian's Zenophon
Washington's Letters
Guthrie's Geography
Carey's General Atlas
Worcestroch's French grammar
Newton's Works, in 11 vols.
Blair's Lectures
Walsh's Arithmetic
Goldsmith's Geography
Buchan's Family Physician
Petrarch translated, in a selection of Sonnets and Odes
Baxter's Saints Rest
Darwin's Botanic Garden
Temple of nature
Scripture Illustrated; or a series of engravings taken from the Old and New Testaments
Brevitt's Female Medical Repository
The Novelist, No. 4
A treatise on the Diseases and management of Sheep, by George Stewart M. Kenzie
A new and enlarged edition of Walker's Dictionary abridged
A general assortment of Latin School books
Acree's Travels in Sweden, Finland and Lapland, 2 vols. with engravings
Also for sale as above
Hume and Smollet's History of England
Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire
Ferguson's Roman Republic
Gillie's History of Greece
Robertson's Charles 5th
Bosham's Essays
Edmund Burk's Works
M. L. has on Population
Gibson on Government
Smith's Wealth of Nations
Tooke's Diversions of Purley
Travels of Anacharsis the Younger
Flower's History of Ireland
Russell's Ancient Europe
do Modern do
St. Pierre's Studies of Nature
Gowell's Life of Johnson
Johnson's Lives of the Poets
Anquet's Universal History in 12 vols.
Morse's Universal Gazetteer
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Brick's Gazetteer
Scott's do
Foster Ames' Works

ELEGANT EXTRACT

From a Poem published in the London Statesman of Oct. 10.

Oh! Peace! thou source and soul of social life,

Beneath whose calm inspiring influence Science his views enlarges, Art refines, And swelling commerce opens all her ports! Best be the man divine who gives up Thee! Who bids the trumpet hush his horrid clang, Nor blow the giddy nation into rage; Who sheaths the murderous blade, the deadly gun!

Into the well-pil'd armoury returns; And every vigour from the work of Death To grateful industry converting makes The Country flourish, and the City smile— Nor bless'd at home alone, his praise shall fly

Far as the Sun rolls the diffusive day, Far as the breeze can blow the gifts of PEACE, Till all the happy Nations catch the song.

FOR THE ARGUS.

SERIOUS REFLECTIONS.

No III.

"Where with shall I come before the Lord?" To meet God unreconciled is a thing too dreadful to be expected with composure of mind. Every man hopes that, by some means or other, this fate shall not be his own. And there are not a few who build their hope upon the mercy of God, in a manner essentially defective.

Is this hope in divine mercy entertained without any express reference to Jesus Christ, and his redemption? I apprehend that sometimes it is; not only by those who openly reject the bible, whom I do not now address, but also by those who acknowledge its authority. No a heathen, to whom the light of revelation has not been given, must do the best he can, with such obscure and faint probabilities that God may pardon sin, as the light of nature affords. But our case is very different. God has given us a saviour in the gospel that he can righteously and will graciously forgive sinners their iniquities, through the perfect satisfaction which his son has rendered to his law and justice. But the gospel as clearly assures us that this forgiveness is only bestowed upon those who confess their guilt and lost condition, who ask for mercy in the name of the crucified Redeemer made known unto them, and who ascribe all the glory of their salvation to his obedience, death and intercession. Without this, no man, under the dispensation of the gospel, is warranted to hope that God will accept him. To indulge such a hope in heavenly mercy, professing to believe the bible, and yet disregarding the Saviour, is most absurd and inconsistent. Indeed it is high presumption, and daring rebellion against God. Let those who are conscious of it beware of the consequences of their folly.

But of those who hope in the mercy of God, while they are manifestly destitute of the spirit and practice of religion, a large majority will deny that they are chargeable with the conduct above described. However indisposed to renounce their sins, they have no objection to own that they are sinners. Negligent of the laws of Christ, they profess a great regard to his atonement; and claim to be true believers in him, because they have formed the habit of confiding strongly in his merits. Through wilful ignorance of the truth, or hardy opposition to it, they call Jesus Christ their Lord & their Saviour, while in reality they prefer this vain world to him and his salvation. Let such persons be seriously admonished that they have nothing of Christianity but the name. The scriptures speak of a faith which is dead, being alone. That faith which is connected with pardon is a powerful, active principle. It works by love, purifies the heart, and overcomes the world. An indolent recumbency upon the mercy of God, and the merits of Christ, is no more like this holy and precious faith, than a dead corpse is like a living man.

In vain do men trust in the mercy of God, while they insult that very mercy by their ingratitude and impenitence. In vain do they boast of their entire dependence upon Christ, while they utterly refuse to have him to reign as the sovereign of their affections and their lives. They may so pervert the gospel as to proclaim themselves the champions of the doctrine of grace and a free salvation. But by their works they dishonour the son of God, and represent him as the minister of sin. It

will appear one day to be the irreversible decree of Heaven, that with ut holiness no man shall see the face of God in peace.

BENEVOLUS.

Congress.

IN SENATE.

THURSDAY, December 6.

At the usual hour of meeting a number of members assembled; but a quorum not appearing, about one o'clock the Senate adjourned. [It may be proper to remark that one of the Senators (gen. German) who came here sick, was temporarily confined by indisposition.]

DECEMBER 7.

Mr Anderson attended. The petition of Larkin Smith, Collector of the port of Norfolk, praying for an increase of compensation, has been referred to Messrs. Giles, Leib and Crawford.

The bill to suspend the second section of the act entitled "An act regulating foreign coins and for other purposes," was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Smith of Md. Crawford and Dana.

On motion of Mr Giles, Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as concerns the relations between the United States and France and Great Britain, with the accompanying documents, be referred to a select committee to examine and report thereon to the Senate, and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Messrs. Giles, Crawford, Anderson, Goodrich and Pope were appointed a committee accordingly.

Mr Giles also offered the following resolution, the consideration of which was on motion postponed to Monday next:

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the occupation of that part of West Florida which is included within the boundaries described by the treaty for the acquisition of Louisiana, with the accompanying documents, be referred to a select committee with instructions to examine the same, and report thereon to the Senate; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, bills or otherwise.

On motion of Mr Smith of Md. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the Corps of Engineers and the Military Academy be referred to a select committee to report by bill, bills or otherwise.

Messrs. Smith of Md. Gilman, Bradley, Pickering and Read were appointed the committee.

The petition (presented on Tuesday, by Mr Giles) of the Stockholders of the Farmer's Bank of Alexandria, praying for a charter, was, on motion, referred to Messrs. Giles, Leib, Goodrich, Crawford and Cuts.

Adjourned to Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, December :

Immediately on meeting, the House resumed the reading of the documents accompanying the message of the President of the United States, which being concluded:

On motion of Mr Newton 3000 copies of the message and documents accompanying the same were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr Macon, these papers were referred to a committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr Alston, it was ordered that the several standing committees be now appointed. The following gentlemen were accordingly appointed by the Speaker on the respective committees:

Committee of Elections.

Messrs. Findley, Clay, Sturges, Troup, Taylor, Van Rensselaer and Taggart.

Committee of Claims.

Messrs. Root, Butler, R. Brown, Stanley, Gholson, Goldsborough and Shaw.

Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Messrs. Newton, Mitchell, Cuts, Pitkin, McKim, Seybert and Bibb.

Committee of Ways & Means.

Messrs. Epps, W. A. Aston, Tallmadge, Montgomery, Bacon, Smith and Johnson.

Committee of Public Lands.

Messrs. Morrow, Goodwyn, Ely, Boyd, Gold, Cobb and McKee.

Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business.

Messrs. Southard, Jackson and Witherspoon.

Committee for District of Columbia.

Messrs. Van Horn, L. J. Alston, Weakley, G. Smith, J. C. Chamberlin, Tracy and Breckenridge.

Committee of Accounts.

Messrs. N. R. Moore, Turner and Keenan.

Committee of Post Offices and Post Roads.

Messrs. Rhea, Ten. Thompson, Dasha, Stanford, Troup, Calhoun, Morrow, Davenport, Chittenden, Key, Whitehill, J. Smith, Potter, Wilson, Seaver and Huity.

Mr Southard laid before the House the resolution of the Legislature of New Jersey disapproving the amendments to the constitution proposed by the state of Massachusetts for limiting the power to tax